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SUBJ: FINAL WRAP UP - FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF INTER-AMERICAN  
COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE (CIECC) -  
HIGHLIGHTS

### SUMMARY

US POSITIONS ON MAJOR ISSUES BECAME CONSENSUS VIEWS OF MOST  
DELEGATIONS WITHOUT OVERT APPEARANCE OF US LABEL. WHILE  
INITIAL DISAPPOINTMENT EVIDENT REGARDING LEVEL OF US PLEDGE  
\$10.9 MILLION OF WHICH FOUR MILLION EARMARKED (SEE SANTO DOMINGO  
0455) FOR MAR DEL PLATA RESOLUTION, CRITICISMS NEVER WAS AIRED IN  
A FORM OF ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE. SEVERAL COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, CONSIDERED A  
CRITICAL RESOLUTION CONCERNING LEVEL OF US PLEDGE WHICH HOWEVER  
DID NOT MATERIALIZE. VENEZUELAN OAS AMBASSADOR GARCIA BUSTILLOS  
IN PRESS CONFERENCE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF US PLEDGE. CLAIMED THIS  
PRELUDE TO WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED WHEN SECRETARY KISSINGER MEETS  
WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS IN MEXICO CITY. IN GENERAL MEETING WAS  
CONSTRUCTIVE, PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR DELEGATIONS TO EXPRESS  
THEIR VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO WORK OF OAS IN FIELDS OF EDUCATION,  
SCIENCE AND CULTURE, AND TO REVIEW PLANS FOR 1974-76 PROGRAMS. US  
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CITIZEN ELECTED TO SCIENCE COMMITTEE BY LARGEST MAJORITY OF ANY

CANDIDATES STANDING FOR ELECTION IN THREE COMMITTEES. CARIBBEAN  
DELEGATIONS FOR FIRST TIME WERE MORE ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE  
PARTICIPANTS IN CIECC CONFERENCE. CONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION ON  
CEPCIECC REPRESENTATION (NO. 131) WHICH IS ALSO ON CIES AGENDA  
IN QUITO, WAS SET ASIDE AND NEW STUDY TO BE MADE AS PART OF OAS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA IN ATLANTA. MEXICO CITY HOST COUNTRY TO  
NEXT CIECC IN JANUARY 1975. LOCAL POLITICAL CLIMATE WAS CALM  
THROUGHOUT CONFERENCE WHICH REPRESENTED FIRST MAJOR PRESENCE  
OF OAS IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SINCE EVENTS OF 1965. US SUCCESSFUL  
IN DELETING CONSIDERATION OF CULTURAL PATRIMONY FROM CIECC  
AGENDA. OAS SECRETARIAT HIGHLY CRITICIZED FOR INEFFICIENCIES  
WHICH CAUSED UNNECESSARY DELAYS. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WAS SUPERB  
HOST AND DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO INSURE SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE.

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1. HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING IN TERMS OF US INTERESTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE FULL US PLEDGE STATEMENT IS CONTAINED IN SANTO DOMINGO  
0455. LATIN PLEDGES AT MEETING FOR MAR DEL PLATA SPECIAL PROJECTS  
EXCEED FOUR MILLION DOLLARS WITH EXPECTATIONS OF ADDITIONAL  
PLEDGES, ESPECIALLY FROM SMALLER COUNTRIES. LATIN PLEDGES  
THEORETICALLY WOULD CALL FOR MATCHING US PLEDGE OF OVER EIGHT  
MILLION DOLLARS BASED ON A US/LA RATION OF 66:34. THERE INITIALLY  
HAD BEEN SOME CORRIDOR COMMENT AMONG DELEGATIONS ABOUT OUR PLEDGE  
WITH QUERY IF THIS HAS ANY IMPLICATION AS TO WHAT LATINS CAN  
EXPECT AT MEXICO CITY ON COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. A PERUVIAN  
DELEGATE AT CONFERENCE ALSO CONFIDED TO USDEL THAT DELEGATIONS  
FROM BRAZIL, MEXICO AND ARGENTINA HAD APPROACHED HIM ABOUT SUPPORTING  
A RESOLUTION OR A MOTION IN THE CIECC CONFERENCE CRITICIZING  
ATHE US LOW PLEDGE. THE PERUVIAN DELEGATE WOULD NOT GO ALONG WITH  
THESE TACTICS IN AN OTHERWISE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL MEETING.  
ON DOMINICAN RADIO SATURDAY MORNING AND ON FRONT PAGE DOMINICAN  
PAPER LISTIN DIARIO, VENEZUELAN OAS AMBASSADOR GARCIA BUSTILLOS  
WITH REFERENCE TO US LOW PLEDGE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "THIS NORTH  
AMERICAN ACTION IN HEART OF CIECC IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF WHAT  
DR. KISSINGER WILL SAY TO THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES."

B. MAR DEL PLATA DRAFT STANDARDS CAME UNDER ATTACK IN WORKING  
COMMITTEES WHICH CONVENED IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLEDGING SESSION.  
MANY DELEGATES USED DEBATE ON STANDARDS TO EXPRESS DISSATISFACTION  
WITH US PLEDGE. MAR DEL PLATA STANDARDS CAME BEFORE PLENARY AT  
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1:30 A.M. SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2. LONG DEBATE APPEARED LIKELY IN  
EFFORT RECONCILE RECOMMENDATIONS DRAFTED DURING CIECC MEETING  
WITH PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CEPCIECC STANDARDS. AFTER LONG AND  
FRUSTRATING DISCUSSION US (LION) MADE TIMELY PROPOSAL THAT BOTH  
DOCUMENTS BE ACCEPTED WITH MODIFICATION AS NECESSARY FOR  
COMPATIBILITY. US ALSO SUGGESTED PROVISIONAL OPERATIONAL STANDARDS,  
SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AS EXPERIENCE DICTATES, WOULD PERMIT  
IMPLEMENTATION SPECIAL PROJECTS. PROPOSAL WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED

(BOTH WORKING COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS ON STANDARDS DEVELOPED DURING CIECC MEETING AND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CEPCIECC STANDARDS ARE ESSENTIALLY US PRODUCT.)

C. RESOLUTION APPROVED COVERING IN DEPTH EVALUATIONS OF SCIENCE AND EDUCATION PROJECTS, ALONG WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF RESULTING RECOMMENDATIONS AND NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO BROADEN THE USE OF EVALUATION TECHNIQUES ON OTHER PROJECTS ALSO APPROVED.

D. CANDIDATES ELECTED TO THREE INTER-AMERICAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEES, SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND CULTURE, APPEAR TO BE WELL QUALIFIED. USDEL PLEASED WITH OVERWHELMING VOTE GIVEN OUR CANDIDATE FOR SCIENCE, SIMONPIETRI (SEE SANTO DOMINGO 481).

E. CULTURAL PATRIMONY DISCUSSION AS RESULT TIMELY FOOTWORK BY USDEL WAS POSTPONED PENDING RECEIPT OF PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED MEMBER COUNTRY COMMENTS ON DRAFT REPORT OF INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE. ONLY US AND ARGENTINA HAD PROVIDED COMMENTS REQUESTED SOME MONTHS AGO.

F. WORK OF COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE WERE GENERALLY CONSTRUCTIVE WITH US REPRESENTATIVES CONTRIBUTING GREATLY TO THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF COMMITTEES WORK.

G. RESOLUTION 131 OF OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST YEAR, WAS SUBJECT OF LENGTHY DEBATES AT CIECC. THIS HAD TO DO WITH EFFORTS OF EVER MOUNTING NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES TO ACHIEVE REPRESENTATION IN CIECC'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEPCIECC). US WAS NAMED TO A SEVEN MEMBER WORKING GROUP TO ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE SEVERAL DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW. IN SUBSEQUENT PLENARY DEBATE OVER WORKING GROUP DRAFT, US EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER DEBATE POSSIBLY LEADING TO A NEW AND HASTILY DRAFTED RESOLUTION EQUALY INCAPABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF IMPLEMENTATION AS IS 131. THE FINAL RESULT WAS A RESOLUTION WHICH ADMITS ALPHABETICAL ROTATION WON'T WORK, AGREES PRESENT SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATION DOES NOT SATISFY MANY COUNTRIES, ACKNOWLEDGES THE NEED FOR APPLICATION OF JURIDICAL EQUALITY TO ALL MEMBER STATES AND THEIR GREATER PARTICIPATION IN CEPCIECC. AS A RESULT THIS RESOLUTION IS ON THE OASGA AT ATLANTA.

VARIOUS PROPOSALS WERE ANNEXED TO ABOVE RESOLUTION, INCLUDING THOSE OF ECUADOR, TRINIDAD/TOBAGO, CHILE AND PERU AS WELL AS THE OBSERVATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, AS PREVIOUSLY MADE IN LIMA LAST YEAR.

COMMENT: THERE WAS EVIDENT EFFORT ON PART OF SOME COUNTRIES TO PORTRAY THE US AND OTHERS OPPOSED TO HASTILY DRAWN PROPOSALS AS BEING AGAINST DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. US SAID THAT WHILE IT

OBVIOUSLY SUPPORTS DEMOCRACY, IT WOULD NOT BE PARTY TO ANOTHER INOPERATIVE RESOLUTION LIKE 131. U.S. ALSO NOTED THAT AT LAST OAS ASSEMBLY IN WASHINGTON LAST APRIL, ONE OF VENEZUELAN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS IN LIEU OF ALPHABETICAL ROTATION, CALLED FOR FULL REPRESENTATION ON CEPCIECC AND HAD BEEN ROUNDLY DEFEATED.

2. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS:

MEETINGS WERE FREQUENTLY DELAYED DUE TO FACT THAT DOCUMENTS WERE NOT READY OR, IN INSTANCE OF REFERENCE DOCUMENTS, NOT AVAILABLE. THANKS TO USOAS DOCUMENTS OFFICER (GEIGAN) USDEL BECAME PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF REQUIRED REFERENCE DOCUMENTS. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM OF SECRETARIAT FOR OBVIOUS LACK OF ADEQUATE PLANNING. THIS SITUATION IN PART WAS DUE TO ECONOMY MEASURES RESULTING IN LOCAL HIRE OF INEXPERIENCED STAFF. THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT PROVED CONGENIAL AND COOPERATIVE HOSTS. ALL DELEGATION MEMBERS WERE MET AT AIRPORT AND EACH CHIEF OF DELEGATION WAS PROVIDED WITH CAR, CHAUFFEUR AND SECURITY AGENT. PRESIDENT BALAGUER PARTICIPATED IN TWO OF THE MANY SOCIAL EVENTS.

3. POLITICAL CLIMATE:

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT FOR THE FIRST OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN 1970 UNDER THE REVISED CHARTER (PROTOCOL OF BUENOS AIRES) THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC OFFERED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO BE HOST. SUBSEQUENTLY, HOWEVER, IT HAD TO WITHDRAW THIS OFFER BECAUSE OF THE LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION, COMBINED WITH THE BAD NAME OF THE OAS GROWING OUT OF ITS 1965 INVOLVEMENT. MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AT THAT TIME WERE GENUINELY CONCERNED FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS AND THE IMAGE OF AN OAS MEETING WHICH WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE SECURITY SAFEGUARDS. BY CONTRAST THIS TIME THE OAS WAS PRESENT IN THE INTEREST OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE HARNESSING OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. OVER FOURTEEN MINISTERS OF EDUCATION AND OTHER HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS ATTENDED CIECC WITH NO REPORTED INCIDENTS KNOWN TO USDEL. ONLY PRESS COMMENTARY THIS REGARD USDEL SAW BEFORE LEAVING RECALLED EVENTS OF 1965 BUT LIKEWISE DREW CONTRAST.  
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